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APAA
CHARITY
VARIETY PERFORMANCE
AUDITÓRIO DO MUSEU PORTIMÃO
16 & 17 NOVEMBER 2025
7.30 PM



A show full of music, dance, fun and laughter

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER!

ALL PROCEEDS TO APAA

ASSOCIAÇÃO DE PROTECÇÃO ANIMAL DO ALGARVE

Synopsis

Pirates have landed in Portimão and are searching for the lost treasure of Captain Flint, whose ghost has come to haunt those who sent him to the gallows; meanwhile Snitch Snatch the dog/cat snatcher is out with his net tracking down fur to make even more luxury coats for his mistress, Madame Grizelda Peltz. Among all of these shenanigans is a very talented group of actors, dancers, singers and musicians who will entertain you with up-lifting songs, comedy sketches, thrilling music and passionate dance numbers.

The Role of Music in This Production

Our choice of music is intended to plant us in the atmospheric / emotional landscapes of the players, e.g. the spooky music box draws us into the sinister world of the dog snatchers, a harpsichord solo transports us to the home of Charlotte Bronte, and the operatic aria provides a glimpse into the imagination of a dancer.

We do hope our choice of music connects you more deeply to the various elements of tonight's show.



A Captain's Welcome

Ahoy, crew and landlubbers!

Welcome, and thank you for joining us for this grand voyage-the APAA Charity Variety Performance! Tonight, we set sail on a sea of song, dance, and laughter, all in the name of a truly noble cause.

As the director of this motley crew of performers, it fills my heart with treasure-like joy to see so many of you here. Your presence means the world to the APAA, and it is your generosity that will help our furry, and four-legged friends in need. Every penny raised from our buried treasure-your kind donations-will go directly to giving them a chance at a healthier, happier life.

This show is the culmination of countless hours of hard work, passion, and creativity from a truly talented cast and crew. They've poured their hearts into every act, and I couldn't be prouder of the spectacle they've created for you.

So, sit back, relax, and prepare to be entertained. From the depths of my heart, thank you again for being a part of this incredible journey. Let the show begin!

Fair winds and following seas,

Paul Jokinen-Carter
Captain
(Director)

Sarah Silverstone
First Mate
(Co Director)

THE CASTAWAYS

Atigan Watson - Cello master
Anita Wight - Imelda/Hostess
Alex Melo - The Morlader, Captain Flint
Afonso Silva - Dhekkan/Singer
Becky Christopherson - Violin mistress
Chauner - Snitch Snatch the dog catcher/dancer
Frank Remiatte - Kaner/Singer
Gloria Costa - Melda/actress
Joana Jacob - Madame Peltz, the Fur Princess
June Dixon - Gwella/Actress
Kim Morrison - Dulcetta/Actress
Lisa Vasey - Barda/Actress
Nicola Scicluna - Gwella/Actress
Paul Jokinen-Carter - Florian/Actor
Richard Caplin - Geddon/Actor
Sarah Silverstone - Aktressa/Actress
Viktoria Makra - Táncos/Dancer
Zac Patel - Raja the cabin boy

CREW ON-DECK

Greg Hoover - Gweythva/Microphone Monitor
Graham Harbord - Hela/props king
Mike Wasinski - Kodynk/Sound Booth man
Sarah Burbridge - Benyn/Stage Manager
Shelley Danca - Donsyer/Stage Hand
Stef Bryan - Gwas/Mistress of the Seams
Yvonne Harbord - Gwella/Props queen

PHOTOS



Afonso



Alex



Atigan



Chauner



Graham



Sarah B



Stef



Yvonne



Paul, Sarah S and Richard



Alex, Nichola, Richard, Zac (front)



Paul, Alex and Frank



Becky



Joana



Mike



Viktoria

Just a dog

From time to time people tell me, “Lighten up, it’s just a dog” or “That’s a lot of money for just a dog”. They don’t understand the distance travelled, the time spent, or the costs involved for “Just a dog”. Some of my proudest moments have come about with “Just a dog”., many hours have passed and my only company was “Just a dog”, but I did not once feel slighted. Some of my saddest moments have been brought about by “Just a dog”, and in those days of darkness, the gentle touch of “Just a dog” gave me comfort and reason to overcome the day.

If you too, think it’s “Just a dog”, then you probably understand phrases like “Just a friend”, “Just a sunrise” or “Just a promise”. “Just a dog” brings into my life the very essence of friendship, trust and pure unbridled joy. “Just a dog” brings out the compassion and patience that make me a better person. Because of “Just a dog” I will rise early, take long walks and look longingly to the future.

So for me and folks like me, it’s not “Just a dog”. but an embodiment of all the hopes and dreams for the future, the fond memories of the past, and the pure joy of the moment. “Just a dog” brings out what’s good in me and diverts my thoughts away from myself and the worries of the day.

I hope that someday people can understand that it’s not “Just a dog” but the thing that gives me humanity and keeps me from being “Just a man” or “Just a woman.”
So the next time you hear the phrase “Just a dog”, smile, because they just don’t understand.



by Richard A. Biby



An Ode to My Rescuer (From a Cat's Perspective)



The world outside was a noisy mess,
Full of big dogs and endless stress.
Then you came by with a gentle hand,
The strangest human in all the land.

Now I have a home, which I've decreed
Is exactly what a cat needs.

And in turn, I brought a quiet grace to your hurried day,
And taught you how to nap and play.
I showed you how to sit in a sunbeam,
And made your home a little more supreme.
You saved a life, you're quite correct,
But I gave you something to protect.

An Ode to My Rescuer (From a Dog's Perspective)

Before you came, my life was rough,
I'd sniffed and scrounged, had quite enough
Then you appeared, a glorious sight,
With kindness in the fading light.
You said "Come here, you poor lost pup,"
And offered me a paper cup,
(Which wasn't much, but trust me, sir,
A soggy cup's a grand offer!)



Now, my old life is but a blur,
Replaced by soft, delicious fur,
A bed so big it feels obscene,
And a food bowl shining, pure and clean.
I am your shadow, your devoted fan,
I love you more than any man.

ACT 1

Overture ‘Cancion Amarilla,’ by Karl Jenkins.

Welcome introduction from your host, Anita

'Bronte Burgers', a comedy monologue by Sarah

'The test pilot', a comedy sketch by Paul, Richard, Sarah and Stef

'Pirates of the Caribbean' a Violin and Cello solo, by Becky and Atigan

'Memories', a song performed by Afonso

'The Bare Necessities' featuring the whole cast

'You can't take it with you', a monologue and dance by Kim and Viktoria

´Le Jazz Hot', a dance solo by Chauner

'Don't rain on my strays', a song by Frank

'I am the villain', a song by Alex

'Never enough', a song performed by Afonso



Shelley, Anita, Lisa and Kim



ACT 2



Overture reprise ‘Cancion Amarilla’ by Karl Jenkins.

'Welcome back', from your host Anita

'Christine', a comedy sketch by Gloria, June, Maria, Paul and Sarah

'Poor unfortunate souls', a song by Joana and Chauner

Spotlight on APAA and Donation Draw, by Anita and Jenny

'Do you hear the animals sing?', a song by Frank and the whole cast

'Oh yeah' a fashion parade with The Pirate Crew

'Lascia ch'io pianga', a dance performed by Chauner

'Snitch Snatch', a song by Chauner

Three poems about dogs and cats, performed by Anita, Lisa and Zac

‘Any dream for them', a song by Alex









Maria, June and Gloria



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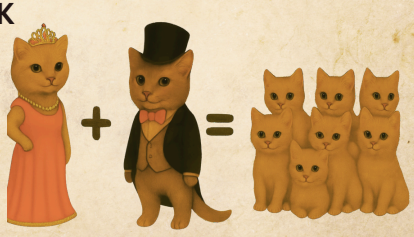

A Message from the APAA President



Ahoy, friends and fellow animal lovers!

On behalf of the entire team at APAA, I want to extend a heartfelt welcome to you. I am Jenny Clarke, and as President of the charity, it fills my heart with pride to see you here tonight. Your presence means the world to us and, more importantly, to the animals we work so tirelessly to protect.

For over 30 years, APAA has been a steadfast beacon of hope for animals here in the Algarve. While we may not have kennels or a physical shelter, our mission is no less mighty. Our dedicated volunteers are the true buccaneers of this cause, working tirelessly to raise funds for our vital spay and neuter programs. This work is the cornerstone of our efforts, helping to control the stray population and give countless animals a chance at a healthier life.

In addition to our spay and neuter efforts, we are on the front lines rescuing street animals and ensuring they receive vital care. We also support community members facing unexpected challenges in caring for their beloved pets. Every animal deserves safety and love; and we are here to help make that happen.

Your support tonight is the treasure that fuels our mission. Every euro helps us continue our journey of compassion and care. Thank you for being part of this voyage, and together, we are changing lives for the animals of the Algarve.

Jenny Clarke

President
Associação de Protecção Animal do Algarve



A HEARTY SAILOR'S THANK YOU

Shiver Me Timbers, What a Crew!

A huge, bellowing thank you to me hearty crew!

To **the Cast, the Crew**, and all ye behind-the-scenes scallywags, you're the finest bunch o' buccaneers an Old Salt could ask for!
A special salute to our Captain, Director Paul and Co-Director Sarah whose compass led this whole voyage!
A big hurrah to Anita for being a great host and a hearty toast o' grog!:
To our landlubber heroes on the shore: Pasi, Rick, Greg, Dawn AF, Karen, Dawn M, Jackie, Jenny, and the APAA volunteers, yer Front of House kept the bar full and the spirits high!
To Maya Sunario on Programme Production, yer map-making is legendary!
To the **We Care Collective**, for gatherin' all that plunder for the Donation Prize Draw!
We also give a massive cheer of thanks to the **Câmara Municipal de Portimão** for letting us dock in the stunning Auditório do Museu de Portimão! A truly grand port for our performance!

And finally, to YOU, our fine audience! Without yer gold and yer cheers, we'd be marooned! We couldn't have raised this Jolly Roger without every single one o' ye!

Ye all deserve a standing ovation and a barrel of rum!

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